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Entitled: ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM

which is:

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[X] This application hereby claims foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on the invention listed below.

Prior Foreign Application

			Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
2000-313119	JAPAN	06 October 2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Enclosed are:

- [x] Specification (including Abstract) and claims: **51** pages.
- [] Newly **executed** Declaration/Power of Attorney (**original**/ copy).
- [] Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- [] Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- [x] 21 drawings (formal – 16 pp) plus one copy (**Fig. 1 – 21**).
- [] Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
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- [x] Certified copy of Japanese Application No(s). 2000-313119; filed October 06, 2000 is/are filed:
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